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I was born on Oahu in 1955 and am of Pacific Islander/Irish ancestry. I attended catholic and public schools in Hawaii and undergraduate and graduate school in New York and Hawaii.

I have demonstrated a life-long commitment to ending human suffering by actively engaging in issues which protect human beings from policies and actions which could harm them. My various roles include: consultative jobs in international human rights through United Nations affiliates and non-governmental organizations; founder of non-profit projects and organizations; coordinator of political caucuses and rights based initiatives; and as an educator, speaker, mediator and facilitator in community building processes. I have worked in the private sector as a research analyst on Wall Street which enabled me to develop skills as a detail oriented, critical thinker and increased my understanding of business and economics.

I want Hawaii to be a place where people thrive and not just survive. I am running for the House Representative seat because I am concerned about Hawaii's future and feel that change is possible through a revitalized democratic process and an uncompromising commitment to people, not profits. I have a strong desire to participate in collaborative forward-thinking and problem solving initiatives that will ensure the safety and well being of our diverse communities and fragile environment. I am committed to ethical governance and promoting diverse economic and educational systems and will champion legislation which protects our cultural and community values.